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SUBJ: TRANSKEI COVERS AREAS OF SOUTHERN KWAZULU

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1. FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO ABSORB CISKEI DISTRICTS OF GLEN GREY AND HERSCHEL INTO TRANSKEI (REFTEL) PARAMOUNT CHIEF KAISER MATANZIMA NOW CASTING COVETOUS EYES ON SOUTHERN PORTION OF KWAZULU ADJACENT TO TRANSKEI. KWAZULU EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR FOR WORKS, CHIEF EVERSON XOLO, REVEALED HE ASKED MEET WITH TRANSKEI URBAN REPRESENTATIVE IN DURBAN AND TRANSKEI MINISTER ROADS AND WORKS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE INCORPORATION OF AREA INTO TRANSKEI. MEETING DID NOT OCCUR DUE ILLNESS OF ONE OF TRANSKEI PARTICIPANTS.

2. THOUGH ORIGINALLY DENYING HE KNEW ANYTHING OF AFFAIR, MATANZIMA LATER STATED HE PREPARED MEET CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI TO DISCUSS TRANSKEI'S CLAIMS. MATANZIMA'S ADMISSION FOLLOWED EARLIER CONFIRMATION OF TRANSKEI DESIGNS ON KWAZULU TERRITORY BY MINISTER BANTU AFFAIRS M.C. BOTHA. IN RESPONSE TO PARLIA-
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MENTARY QUESTION BOTHA DISCLOSED TRANSKEI GOVERNMENT HAD MADE

REPRESENTATIONS TO SAG REGARDING INCORPORATION THIS AREA INTO TRANSKEI. BOTHA STATED MATTER CONCERN OF TWO HOMELAND GOVERNMENTS AND SAG HAD NOT EVEN CONSIDERED TRANSKEI'S REQUEST. SPEAKING TO KWAZULU LEGISLATURE, BUTHELEZI EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER FUTURE TRANSKEI/KWAZULU RELATIONS AS RESULT OF TRANSKEIAN MACHINATIONS.

3. COMMENT: SOUTHERN AREA KWAZULU ACTUALLY POPULATED BY BOTH XHOSA AND ZULU SPEAKERS, THOUGH ZULUZ PREDOMINATE. WHILE AT PRESENT SAG KEEPING OUT OF AFFAIR, POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT IT MIGHT INTERVENE AT SOME LATER STAGE. INTERVENTION WOULD LIKELY BE IN FAVOR OF TRANSKEI--FACT BUTHELEZI WELL AWARE OF AND MUST CONSIDER IN HIS DEALINGS WITH SAG.
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